

Several weeks ago, construction began on the final two ecological restoration projects resulting from the Chalk Point oil spill of April, 2000. The spill resulted from a rupture in a buried pipeline supplying fuel oil to the Chalk Point generating station. At the time, Pepco operated the station.

During the clean-up phase and after, Pepco cooperated with natural resource trustee agencies to such a great extent, that NOAA recognized Pepco's work with an award for cooperative assessment. This

cooperation contributed to the trustees' ability to design and build the restoration

projects relatively quickly as reparations for the spill's impacts on the surrounding environment.

The current projects will create a 6-acre tidal marsh; and stabilize 1500 feet of shoreline, including creation of beach and terrapin nesting habitat. Both projects are being constructed on private property on the Patuxent River, five miles downstream from the site of the spill. These projects will be completed within the next two months.



Initial excavation for the Chalk Point marsh creation project 27 July 05
(John Collins, NOAA)



Stockpiling sand for the Chalk Point beach stabilization project
4 August 05 (John Collins, NOAA)